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THE TRANSITIONAL PERIOD.

Henry George, the labor reformer, has no definite expectation of being elected Mayor of New York, but there will probably be no great difficulty in obtaining the thirty thousand signatures which he wants as a guarantee of good faith before consenting to become a candidate. It is probable that an agitator much more radical than Mr. George could secure a similar endorsement if he were diligent enough to work to get it.

Greenbackers, "is to receive deposits and discount notes, and if they cannot live on that they have no right to exist. The privilege of issuing notes to create money should be reserved exclusively to the National Government, and that is what is going to be done very shortly."

The Tenth Kentucky district, which has just renominated Mr. Taft for Congress, has also denounced Civil Service Reform as a humbug, and calls upon the President to turn the rascals out. There are still some rock-ribbed fastnesses of the country where Democracy of the Jacksonian vintage still holds its own.

The scientists of the country, animated by a common impulse to show their scientific agility, are all engaged just now in a single line of thought. The subject of their disquisitions is: "What I don't know about the late Earthquake."

The State convention of the antislavery Republicans of New York is to be held at Blenheim to-morrow, and the people therabouts are apprehensive of a drought.

The custodians of the seismoscope intended for use in the Washington Monument appear to have lost the enthusiasm.

U. S. SENATOR JONES of Florida is still in session at Detroit.

GENERAL AND CRITICULAR.

Chef Capo of the Advanced Weather Bureau predicts another earthquake in close proximity to the equinox. Far be it from me to seriously alarm the illustrious chief, but if he knows what is most for him to do, let me call his early attention to the early arrival of the New Year.

There was about five miles an acre of suffering; his clothes had lost the vicinity of youth; his hair bore evidence of a malady attack; his skin seemed to have just come from a long pilgrimage and his face had that vacant stare characteristic of a man who has just come from a long pilgrimage.

"Good morning," said he, coming up to the editor's desk.

"Ugh," grunted the editor, knowing what he was there for.

"I am sorry to trouble you, sir," continued the visitor, "but I am in need of assistance. Look at me, sir, and judge for yourself."

The editor looked at him.

"I am in great need, sir. I am a sufferer."

"Charleston?" queried the editor, eyeing some interest.

"Sug?" asked the visitor, bending forward to catch the great man's words.

"Charleston sufferer?" repeated the editor.

"H—, no!" replied the visitor, with a start; "worse than that. I'm a civil-service reform sufferer, and I've been in Washington fourteen months and twenty-nine days trying to get some recognition for valuable services rendered the party in my county.

Take another look at me, please, as a monument of administrative ingratitudo, and contribute something to the monumental fund."

The editor took up a collection, and the sufferer went forth relieved temporarily.

Some hogs kept in a brewery in Portsmouth, N. H., are in the habit of getting drunk just like men, and they are therefore not entirely new, is such that neither can be considered independently of the other. The interests of the working classes are so closely interwoven with those of all other classes and so dependent upon the general monetary welfare of the country, that all must be embraced within the scope of statesmanship; and party lines will not be slow in adjusting themelves to such new exigencies as may arise. Old bosses will pass away, but their places, in the very nature of things will not be left vacant.

It may be set down as certain, however, that the time is not yet ripe for the citizens of New York to adopt the no-property-in-land theories of Mr. George, as the announcement of his candidacy would speedily and overwhelmingly show. This is indeed a transitional period in politics, but it is not to be a revolutionary transition—it is not from Conservatism to Communism—still less from Law and Order to Socialism.

MR. WALKER's recommendations for an increase of the police force are highly commendable, and will be universally approved as a move in the right and a very urgent direction. It would have been still better if instead of asking for forty-five more men of one class and twenty of another, he had asked for double that number. Congress is a curious body to deal with, and is controlled by curious notions of economy. When anything is wanted at the Capitol it is always best to allow for at least a fifty per cent. reduction.

A Brilliant Reception.

Mr. Charles Green of "The Shade," Rappahannock County, gave a reception to his brother, Ed. M. Green, and bride last Friday night, and the event was one of the most brilliant of the season in Virginia.

While the Adair, although she was a middle-aged maid at the time, was married to a middle-aged man at the time, she was nearly thirty years old, and she looks hardly thirty. She is a picture of health and beauty, and quite a perfect specimen of a woman.

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